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### COLLECTION No. 1

# Ratekin's 15 Ironclad Fruit Trees

for \$3.90

Hundreds of people in city gardens, or on the farms, wish large fruit trees which will bear at once; some the same year. To these we offer the following. They should be sent by express—that's quicker and surer than freight.

| т.  | Hyslop Apple3             | -1700 * | 610  | each | 250  | 3 for \$1.00 | 10 for \$3.00 |
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|     |                           |         |      |      |      |              |               |
| 2.  | Transcendent Apple3       | "       | **   | - 46 | 35c. | 3 for 1.00   | 10 for 3.00   |
| 3.  | Duchess Apple3            | **      | 66   | 44   | 35c. | 3 for 1.00   | 10 for 3.00   |
| 4.  | Bismarck Apple3           | "       | 4.6  | 44   | 75c. | 3 for 2.00   | 10 for 6.00   |
| 5.  | Wealthy Apple3            |         |      | "    | 35c. | 3 for 1.00   | 10 for 3.00   |
| 6.  | Ben Davis Apple3          |         |      | 4.4  | 35c. | 3 for 1.00   | 10 for 3.00   |
| 7.  | N W Greening Apple3       |         | - 66 | "    | 35c. | 3 for 1.00   | 10 for 3.00   |
|     | Milton Plum               |         |      | . "  | 5oc. | 3 for 1.25   | 10 for 4.00   |
|     | De Soto Plum3             |         | 4.6  | "    | 40C. | 3 for 1.10   | 10 for 3.50   |
|     | Early Richmond Cherry3    |         | "    | 64   | 5oc. | 3 for 1.25   | 10 for 4.00   |
|     | Morello Cherry3           |         | 4.6  | **   | 50c. | 3 for 1 25   | 10 for 4.00   |
|     | Apricot, Mammoth Russian3 |         | 64   | "    | 40C. | 3 for 1.10   | 10 for 3.50   |
| -   | Peach, Hardy Shenandoah3  |         |      |      | 35c. | 3 for 1.00   | 10 for 3.00   |
|     | Peach, Champion3          |         | 66   | **   | 35c. | 3 for 1.00   | 10 for 3.00   |
| 15. | Pear Wisconsin            |         | 66   | 4.4  | 40C. | 3 for 1.10   | 10 for 3.50   |

Above 15 Large Fruit Trees, one each, by express or freight, \$3.90. Above 15 Trees (small) by mail, postpaid, \$1.65.

## COLLECTION No. 2

# Apples

# Price of the following Twenty-Two Apples and Crab Apples:

3 to 4 ft., large, strong, each 20c; 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.25; 100 for \$12.50.

#### Summer Apples.

- Coulton, Color, yellowish white. I. Early
- Abundant bearer.
  Golden Sweet. Pale yellow, very sweet.
  Red Astrachan. Deep Crimson, juicy, r Red Astrachan. Deep Crimson, juicy, rich. Tetofsky. Beautifully striped, juicy. Yellow Transparent. Pale yellow, rich.

#### Autumn Apples.

- 6. Alexander. Deep red crimson.
  7. Duchess of Oldenburg. Large, rich.
  8. Haas. Large, juicy, rich.
  9. Maiden's Blush. Red Cheek, Very fine.
  10. Fameuse. The Snow Apple. Delicious.
  11. Grimes Golden. Highest quality. Deep, IO.
  - greenish yellow.

#### Winter Apples.

- Baldwin. Deep bright red, juicy, crisp.
  Ben Davis. Large, handsome, productive.
  Gideon. Hardy trees. Vigorous, juicy, fine.
  Longfield. A Russian variety. Magnificent.
  Pewaukee. Hardy as Oak. Big bearer.
  Wealty. One of the best.
  Wolf River. Greenish yellow. Splendid.
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### Crab Apples.

- Hyslop. Deep Crimson. Fine. Martha. Great bearer. Splendid. Transcendent. Immense producer. Fruit 20.
- 2 inches in diameter. 22. Whitney's No. 20. Large, Red.

### Price of the following Pears:

- 3 to 4 ft., large, strong, each 20c; 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.20; 100 for \$12.50.
- Early Bartlett. Large size. Delicious.
   Clapp's Favorite. Yellowish green. Very large, melting and rich.
   Lawson. One of the best.
   Wilder. One of the earliest. Great shipper and become
- and keeper.

### Price of the following Cherries:

- 3 to 4 ft., large, strong, each 30c; 3 for 75c; 10 for \$2.00; 25 for \$4.25; 100 for \$17.00.
- 27. Rockport. Clear red. Excellent.
  28. Dyehouse. Very early. Splendid quality.
  29. English Morello. Blackish red. Rich.
  30. Early Richmond. Dark red. Melting.
  31. Ostheim. Russian variety. Juicy.

#### Price of the following Plums:

- 3 to 4 ft., large, strong, each 25c; 3 for 6oc; 10 for \$1.75; 25 for \$3.75; 100 for \$16.00.

- 32. Czar. Large purple. Elegant.
  33. Imperial Gage. Oval, red, juicy.
  34. Lombard. Red, round, juicy.
  35. De Sota. Very hardy. Yellowish red.
  36. Weaver. Fruit large. Purple.
  37. Wild Goose. Fruit red, juicy.
  38. Milton. Dark red. Fine.

### Price of the following Peaches:

- 3 to 4 ft., large, strong, each 200; 3 for 500; 10 for \$1.50; 25 for \$3.15; 100 for \$12.00.
- 39. Crosby. Hardy. One of the best.
  40. Crawford's Early. Beautiful yellow.
  41. Elberta. Immense size. Elegant flavor.
  42. Mountain Rose. Large, red, juicy.

### 4271 each of the above 42 Trees (including the Bismarck as special premium), 3 to 4 ft. \$5.90.

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WE REPLACE ANY TREES WHICH FAIL TO LIVE, at one-half the current "Each" price, provided trees have been properly planted and cared for.

WE GUARANTEE SAFE ARRIVAL .- Any order lost or spoiled in transit we refill free.

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## Location, Planting and Care

**DRIED UP TREES.**—In case trees arrive a little dry from delay, as will sometimes occur, bury the trees, root and branch in moist soil and in two or three days the whole lot will be found bright and fresh, and in proper condition for setting.

LOCATION .- The best is a northern exposure, and rich ground better than low ground. A southern exposure is the poorest.

PREPARATION OF THE SOIL .- Prepare a rich, deep bed of mellow soil and have the land sufficiently drained to relieve the roots from standing water.

SOIL .- A clay sub-soil is best. If you do not have a clay sub-soil, mulch heavily to keep ground moist and cool.

CUT OFF the ends of all bruised or broken roots with a sharp knife, making a clean cut. If it be a standard tree for the orchard, trim it up to four or five limbs, suitable to form the top, and cut each of the side limbs back to a bud four or five inches from the body of the tree, leaving the leader or central limb from eight to twelve inches long.

HOW TO SET.—Sift some fine, rich soil among roots, two or three inches deep, tamp the ground firm, throw in more soil, and tamp again. Repeat until hole is nearly full—make the ground very firm. The last soil thrown in leave loose. Put no manure in the hole. Do not heap the dirt up, but leave the hole basin-shaped.

MULCHING.—If you cannot cultivate trees often use lots of mulch. Put on or four feet out from the trees, but not within three or four inches of the trees.

CULTIVATION.—It is always best to cultivate often. Keep the ground loose and clean. Do not cultivate after July 20th.

No grass or grain crops should be raised among fruit trees until they have attained bearing size.

"HEELING IN" STOCK RECEIVED IN THE FALL.—To insure success you have only to get the trees before freezing weather and bury them in the following manner:

Choose a dry spot where no water will stand during the winter, with no grass near it to invite mice. Dig a trench, throwing out enough dirt to admit one layer of roots below the surface, and place the trees in it inclined at an angle of 45 degrees or more. Widen the trench, throwing the soil among the roots in position, place another layer in the trench, reclining the tops on the others and so on until all are in the trench; then water thoroughly. Finish by throwing up more soil until the tips of the trees are fully covered. It is also well to bank up the earth around the sides to insure more thorough protection. Care should be taken to fill solid all the interstices among the roots. Too much care in doing this cannot be insisted upon, as every root which is not in close contact with the soil is sure to be killed. In the spring the trees will be on hand for transplanting at the earliest moment possible to do the work.

If the trees are received in a frozen state, place the package unopened in the cellar, away from the frost and heat, until thawed out, and then unpack.

## Distance for Planting and Number to the Acre

| Number                                 | Number                                  |
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| Distance to Acre                       | Distance to Acre                        |
| Blackber's or Raspber's3 by 4 ft 3,630 | Apple and Crab20 by 20 ft. 124          |
| Strawberries, field 1 by 3½ ft. 9,680  | Cherry, Plum, Pear12 by 15 ft. 240      |
| Strawberries, garden1 by 2 ft. 21,880  | Grapes 8 by 8 ft. 680                   |
| Asparagus                              | Currants, Gooseberries 3 by 4 ft. 3.630 |

To find the number of plants required for any given sized piece of ground, multiply the length of the piece by the width, divide this by the product of the distance multiplied by the width plants are apart. Example: A piece of ground is 20 by 100 feet, has 2,000 square feet. If currants are planted 3 by 4 feet, each plant will occupy 12 square feet; 2,000 divided by 12 gives

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In case your postoffice is nearer and more convenient than the express office and you wish the strawberry plants shipped by mail, so advise us and add at the rate of 30 cents per 100 plants

# The RATEKIN NURSERY CO

# APPLES AND CRABS

Red Beitigheimer.—Large, yellow, shaded red, flesh white, juicy, with a brisk subacid flavor.

### WINTER APPLES

Ben Davis.—Large, handsome, striped. Valuable.
Baldwin.—An old favorite. Large, deep red, very juicy,
and good flavor. A heavy bearer and good

keeper.

Gaino.-Fruit bright red ground; large, oblong tapering to the eye; surface smooth; tree very hardy, healthy, vigorous grower; an annual and prolific bearer; much resembles the Ben Davis. Season, January to April.

Famuse (Snow).—Medium deep crimson, flesh white and best quality, and early bearer.

Grimes Golden.—Of high quality. A bright yellow apple which grows and bears well in every section of the country. Very productive.

Golden Russet.-Medium dull russet, crisp and juicy.

Gideon.—Vigorous, early and prolific bearer. medium golden yellow, fine, juicy, subacid.

Hubbardson.—Large, striped yellow and red, tender, juicy and fine; strong grower and good bearer.

Jonathan.—Medium size, bright red, flesh white and very juicy, subacid, moderately rich, keeps well through winter, very productive, succeeds well in most localities.

King .- The largest size, most beautiful shade of red, striped with crimson, excellent quality and flavor. The tree is a hardy, vigorous grower, and abundant bearer.

Mammoth Black Twig .- Large, dark red, hardy and productive, vigorous grower.

Mann .- Medium to large, yellow, mild, sub-

Northern Spy.—Large, striped, mild, subacid, and tender, with a rich delicious flavor. One of the best growers.

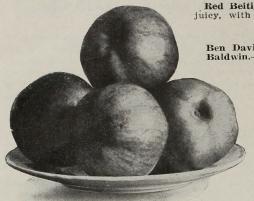
Northwest Greening.—Hardy, yellow, rich, of good size, and extra long keeper.

Rome Beauty.—Large, yellow, shaded red,

tender, juicy, subacid.

Stark.—Large, striped light and red, juicy, mild and subacid. An early and abundant bearer.

Twenty Ounce.—Very large, yellow, striped ed. A valuable fruit for market, very prored. ductive.



NORTHERN SPY.

The following list are all well tested sorts, and we believe the best for general planting and marketing use. Apple trees will thrive on nearly all well drained soil. Give them care and spray in due season, and they will surely

and spray in due season, and they will surely be a profit to the grower.
First Class, 5 to 7 ft., ¾-in., and up, each, 25c; per 12, \$2.50; per 100, \$20.00.
Select Medium, 4 to 6 ft., ½ to ¾-in., each, 20c; per 12, \$2.00; per 100, \$15.00.
Light Medium, 3 to 5 ft., ½ to ¾-in., each, 15c; per 12, \$1.50; per 100, \$10.00.

## SUMMER APPLES

Red Astrachan.-Large, beautiful, deep crimson, and is a good bearer, and magnificent grower, large, rather smooth and round. Sea-son, July and August.

Yellow Transparent.—One of the earliest yellow apples grown. Very valuable on that account, as it is ready for market ten days ahead of Early Harvest. Above medium size, beautiful in appearance, with a firm flesh and a crisp subacid flavor. Tree vigorous, and a good bear-July.

Sweet Bough .- Very large, pale yellow, sweet. Season, August.

Duchess of Oldenberg .- A Russian variety of good size; of good shape, and beautifully striped with red. One of the best keepers for sumed with red. mer apples. Season, August.

Tetofsky.—Medium, yellow, striped red. Acid. Good, early bearers. Season, August.

### **AUTUMN APPLES**

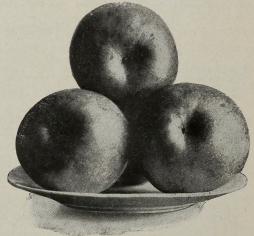
Alexander.-Very large, beautiful red.

Fall Pippin.—Very large, roundish, skin smooth, yellowish green, becoming rich yellow when ripe, valuable for cooking and market.

Maiden Blush.—A most valuable variety for table, as its brilliant color makes it a decided ornament. A handsome, rapid growing tree, with a wide spreading head. Very prolific, fruit of medium size, and regular shape.

Pumpkin Sweet .- Very large, yellowish, and rich. Early bearer.

Rambo.—One of the oldest varieties, and one of the most profitable for early marketing. The fruit is rather medium in size, of a pale greenish yellow streaked with red on the sunny side. Early September.



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# SHENANDOAH, IOWA-

Talman Sweet .- Medium, yellow and red, rich, Wagner .- Good size, deep red in the sun, flesh

Wagner.—Good size, deep red in the sun, nessifirm, subacid, excellent.

Wealthy.—Large, red, subacid, flesh white, fine grained, tender and juicy. Early bearer.

Tree is healthy, hardy and productive.

Wolf River.—A handsome apple, originated near Wolf river, Wisconsin. Fruit large greenish yellow, shaded with red or crimson. Flesh wilds willow places mild subacid. Tree white, juicy, pleasant, mild, subacid. Tree strong and a great bearer.

Wine Sap.—Medium, deep red, firm, crisp, rich, subacid. Widely cultivated.

York Imperial (Johnson's Fine Winter). of the finest apples in existence; of medium size, shaded with crimson on the sunny side. thickly sprinkled with gray dots. Flesh yellowish, firm, crisp, juicy and mildly subacid. A splendid keeper, and equally valuable for the table or cooking. Tree is vigorous and very



#### APPLES CONTINUED-General Assortment

In addition to the foregoing varieties, named, we have a full assortment of the following at same prices, per one, twelve or per hundred, and we feel absolutely certain that the Quality, Excellency and Grade of all our Trees will meet the approval and please the most critical orchardist. Remember all our Trees are Budded or Grafted on Whole Stocks.

#### SUMMER VARIETIES.

A. S. Pearmain, Early Ripe, Summer Champion, Strawberry Early, Summer Queen, Wilson June, Summer Rambo, Early Harvest, Summer Pippin, Ked Jun.

Williams Favorite. Red June,

#### FALL VARIETIES.

Maiden's Blush, Summer King, Longfield,

Alexander, Early Melon, Winesap. Pismarck,

## Bonum.

Wisner Desert, Huntsman's Favorite, Jonathan. Missouri Pippin, Willow Twig, Canada Red, Peerless,
Talman's Sweet,
L. R. Romanite.
Perry Russett,

WINTER VARIETIES.
sert, Stayman's Winesap,
Favorite, Paragon Winesap, Price's Sweet. Arkansas Black, Jenet, M. B. Twig. Salome, Hyslop. Ramsdell Sweet. White Winter Parman,

### CRAB APPLES

Every garden and farm should possess Crab Apples. Trees are ornamental, handsome growers, and when producing their loads of highly colored fruit, make beautiful specimens that grace any situation. Perfectly hardy and succeed in all kinds of soil in the most exposed locations. locations; annual bearers, usually fruiting the second season after planting, producing large crops of fruit that can be canned, cooked, jel-lied, dried or preserved, and many of the new-er varieties are pleasant and rich as table fruit; for cider and vinegar they are unequal-

Standard, first class, 5 ft. and up. 11/16-in. and up, each 35c; 10, \$3.00; 100, \$24.00. 3 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in., each, 20c; 10, \$2.00; 100, \$15.00.

### LEADING VARIETIES.

Florence, Gen. Grant, Hyslop, Hughes' Virginia. Lyman Prolifie, Milton,

Martha, Q. C. Cluster, Red Siberian. Soulard. Sylvan Sweet. Whitney White Arctic. Yellow Siberian.

# Standard and Dwarf Pear Trees

Bartlett.—An old standard variety, and hard to beat, large size, buttery, very juicy, quality the best, colored next to the sun. Tree is a fair grower, and bears abundantly. Ripens about last of August.

First class, 5 to 7 ft., ¾-in., and up, each, 40c; per 12, \$3.50; per 100, \$25.00.

Select medium, 4 to 6 ft., ½ to ¾-in., each, 25c; per 12, \$3.00; per 100, \$20.00.

Light Medium, 3 to 4 ft., ½ to %-in., each, 25c; per 12, \$2.50; per 100, \$15.00.

Clapps Favorite.—Large, pale yellow, melting and juicy, earlier than Bartlett, a well known variety, tree is a vigorous grower. Ripens in

variety, tree is a vigorous grower. Ripens in August.

First class, %-in. and up, each, 30c; per 12,

\$3.00; per 100, \$20.00.

Select medium, 5% to ¾-in., each, 25c, per 12, \$2.50; per 100, \$15.00.

Light medium, ½ to 5%-in., each, 20c; per 12. \$2.00; per 100, \$10.00.

Howell.—Large yellow, with red cheek, rich, sweet and melting, early bearer, productive. September and October.

First class, ¾-in. and up, each, 30c; per 12, \$3.00; per 100, \$20.00.

Select medium, 5% to 3%-in., each, 25c, per 12, \$2.50; per 100, \$15.00.
Light medium, ½ to 5%-in., each, 20c; per 12, \$2.00; per 100, \$10.00.
Keiffer.—Large size, handsome appearance and remarkable keeping and shipping qualities make it exceeding profitable for market.

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First class, ¾-in., and up, each, 25c; per 12. \$2.00; per 100, \$12.00.

Select medium, 5% to ¾-in., each, 20c; per 12. \$1.50; per 100, \$10.00.

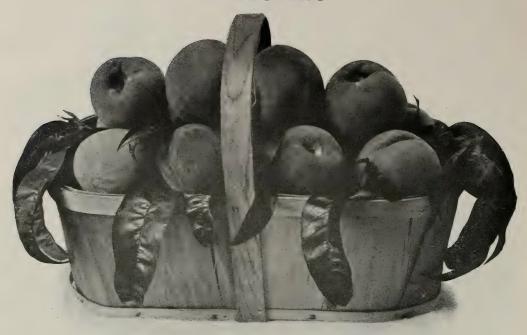
1 yr., 3 to 4 feet, not branched, each, 15c; per 12. \$1.25; per 100, \$8.00.

Seckel.—Small, skin rich yellowish brown when fully ripe. With deep brownish red cheeks, flesh very fine grained, sweet, exceedingly juicy, melting, buttery; one of the richingly juicy, melting, buttery; one of the richest and highest flavored pears known. Tree a

est and highest flavored pears known. Tree a moderate grower. September and October. First class, 5 to 7 ft., \( \frac{4}{2} \)-in., and up, each, \( \frac{40c}{2} \); per 12, \( \frac{3}{2} \).50; per 100, \( \frac{825}{2} \).00. Select medium, \( \frac{4}{2} \) to \( \frac{4}{2} \)-in., each, \( \frac{3}{2} \); per 12, \( \frac{8}{2} \).00; per 100, \( \frac{820}{2} \).00. Light medium, \( 3 \) to \( \frac{4}{2} \) to \( \frac{5}{2} \)-in., each \( 25c; \) per 12, \( \frac{8}{2} \).50; per 100, \( \frac{815}{2} \).00.

# The RATEKIN NURSERY-CO.

# **PEACHES**



#### ELBERTA PEACH.

The peach requires a well drained soil, a warm sandy or gravelly loam is well suited to preserve a healthy growth, and should be fertilized and kept in cultivation. Ashes, potash. and bone are excellent fertilizers, though the tree will respond excellently to any fair dressing material. Each year's growth should be ing material. Each year's growth should be shortened after the wood is ripe, to make the tree stronger, better shape and more vigorous. In trimming trees to plant use a sharp knife, cut all bruised roots off, making a clean cut. Trim side limbs off three inches from tree; cut tree off about three ft., from the bud or ground according to the height you like.

First Class, 9/16 and up, per 12, \$1.50; per

100, \$8.00; per 1,000, \$70.00. Select Medium, 7/16 to 9/16, per 12, \$1.25; per 100, \$7.00; per 1000, \$60.00. Light Medium, % to 7/16, per 12, \$1.00; per 100, \$5.00; per 1000, \$40.00.

Alexander.—Early, Early, medium size, greenish covered with red cheek, handwhite, nearly some, cling. July.

Admiral Dewey .- Ripens with the Triumph, better form and color, stronger grower, hardy and productive. July.

Barnard.—Medium, yellow, juicy and rich, hardy and productive. Early September.

Brunson.—Large, yellow, with red cheek, sweet, rich, hardy and productive. Last of Last of September.

Beers Smock.—A large yellow flesh peach, an improvement on Smocks Free which it resembles, ripens a few days later and is a better an-nual bearer. One of the most desirable and profitable of market sorts. Last of September and first of October.

Banner.—Tree a good grower, exceedingly hardy in both wood and buds, bears young, is very productive. Fruit large. Deep yellow with crimson cheek. Flesh yellow, excellent quality, rich, firm, equal to any as a keeper and shipper. A profitable late market variety. Last of September.

Crosby .- One of the hardiest, abundant bearers, medium quality, bright yellow, fine quality. Middle September.

Early Rivers.—Large, creamy white, pink cheek, juicy and melting. August.

Engel's Mammoth.-Large, yellow, resembles late Crawford, more productive. September.

Elberta .- Large, yellow, with red cheek. Flesh yellow, firm, juicy. Exceedingly prolific, sure bearer and hardy. The leading market varibearer ety. Middle September.

Fitzgerald.—Fruit large, brilliant color, suffused with red. Flesh deep yellow, best quality. Early September.

Greensboro .- The largest and most beautifully colored of all early varieties. Double the size of Alexander, ripening at the same time. Flesh white, juicy and good. July.

Gold Drop.—Medium size, hardy, very productive, good quality, early bearer. Last of September.

Hill's Chilli .- Medium, dull yellow, extra hardy and productive. Last of September.

Kalamazoo .-- A leading market sort. yellow, fine quality, extra productive and profit-able. First of September.

Lemon Free.—Lemon shaped and colored. Large size, immensely productive. Excellent quality. Last of September.

Carmen .- Large, Carmen.—Large, cream or pale yellow; good quality, hardy. Ripens with Early Rivers.

Marshall .- Large, yellow, immensely productive. October.

Niagara.—Originated in western New York. where it has been well tested, surpassing both

# UDOAH, IOWA

Elberta and Crawford in size, color, quality, and vigor. Ripens between Crawford and El-

New Prolific .- Large, attractive, firm. Flesh yellow, fine flavor, hardy and productive. tember.

Smock Free.—Large, yellow and red. Bright ellow flesh. Valuable for market. Last of yellow flesh. September.

The Stearns Peach.—This peach was originated in the heart of the great Fruit Belt of Michigan by James N. Stearns, of South Haven, Mich., and introduced last season by the Central Michigan Nursery. Mr. Stearns needs no intro-duction to the fruit growing public of Michi-gan, for the long, faithful, and valuable ser-vice he has rendered the Michigan Horticul-tural Societies. The Farmer's Institutes, his origination of the Kalamazoo peach and other

noteworthy efforts, have made his name familiar, and his judgment and ability recognized throughout the borders of Michigan and other The Stearns Peach, after having been thoroughly tested, is introduced with every assurance from the originator that it surpasses any other variety yet given to the public. Possessing the size and firmness of the Elberta, the quality and flavor of the Crawford, the hardiness and prolificness of the Kalamazoo, together from the fact of its being perfectly free from curl leaf, bespeaks an immense sale for this new variety of trees. No one can sing too loudly the praise of the Stearns Peach, for its remarkable qualities cannot fail to make it herculean among the varieties of peach trees now under cultivation. As a commercial sort, its equal has yet to be introduced, and we heartily recommend its planting by all peach growers who are interested in the dissemination

of such varieties as bring them the greatest finan-cial returns. Note the words from the pen of the originator who says: "The Stearns fruit brought from 50 cents to \$1.00 bushel more than other standard sorts," and ing it with the Elberta he states over his own signature that, "it is four times as har-dy as that variety," or in oth-er words, he gets four crops from the Stearns where he gets from the Elberta.

What does this mean to the peach growers of the United States? It means this, that where \$1.00 is made from a standard variety like the Elberta, The Stearns will make at least \$5.00, and this contrast is made with a variety that has been planted far and wide throughout the United States during the past few years. Price, 3 to 4 ft., 20c each;

Price, 3 to 4 ft., 20c each; \$2.50 per dozen; \$15.00 per 100. Price, 3 to 4 ft., 20c each, \$2.00 per dozen; \$12.00 per 100.

Triumph.—Ripens with the Alexander. Abundant bearer, the strong vigorous grower. good size, yellow with red and crimson cheeks.

Yellow St. John.—Nearly as large as Crawford, fruit round, brilliant, showy. One of the earliest yellow peaches. Aug.



STEARNS.

# **APRICOTS**

shape; color bright yellow with red blush. Quality the best; very juicy and rich, ripening about July 20th, and very productive. It is as hardy as any apricot known. Planted largely in New York; it is proving very hardy, prolific and profitable.

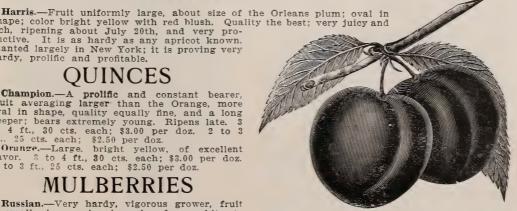
# QUINCES

Champion.—A prolific and constant bearer, fruit averaging larger than the Orange, more oval in shape, quality equally fine, and a long keeper; bears extremely young. Ripens late. 3 to 4 ft., 30 cts. each; \$3.00 per doz. 2 to 3 ft.. 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

Orange.—Large, bright yellow, of excellent flavor. 3 to 4 ft., 30 cts. each; \$3.00 per doz. 2 to 3 ft., 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per doz.

# **MULBERRIES**

Russian.—Very hardy, vigorous grower, fruit a small size, varies in color from white to black. Trees 3 to 4 ft., 25 cts. each.



APRICOTS.

# The RATEKIN NURSERY CO

# **PLUMS**



#### BURBANK.

Plums need care and attention, but they will pay for it all very liberally. The Japan plums bear younger than the Europeans, and are very great growers, with handsome foliage and fruit. Our plums are grown on plum stock.

#### Prices on all Except Damson.

First Class, % and up, 2 yr., 25 cts. each; \$2.00 per 12; \$12.00 per 100.
Select Medium, % to %, 30 cts. each; \$1.50 per 12; \$9.00 per 100.
Light Medium, ½ to %, 15 cents each; \$1.00 per 12; \$6.00 per 100.

### JAPANESE PLUMS

Abundance.-Medium size, round with slight body. Flesh yellow, firm, and juicy, with a slightly subacid flavor. Skin is rather tough, making a good shipper, very prolific. Ripens

Red June.—Recommended as, by all odds, the best Japanese plum, ripening before Abundance. One of the vigorous upright growers. Productive, fair size, vermillion red, pleasant quality. Ripens a week before Abundance.

Satsuma (Blood).—Large, globular, with sharp point. Color, purple and red, with blue bloom. Flesh firm, juicy, dark red or blood color. Fine quality, pit very small. Hardy and vigorous grower. August.

Wickson.—Fruit remarkably handsome. Very large. Long, heart shaped. Color deep maroon red, flesh firm and meaty, yellow, rich and aromatic; pit small. Tree an upright vigorous grower, excellent keeper and shipper. Is being planted largely for market. Early September. her.

Burbank.—The best and most profitable of growers for market. Ripens ten to fourteen days after Abundance, tree hardy, sprawling, vigorous grower, unequalled in productiveness,

bears young, fruit large, excellent quality. Cherry red, with a lilac bloom, ripens from middle of July to first of August.

### **EUROPEAN PLUMS**

Bradshaw.—Large, dark red, flesh green, juicy, productive, fine for market. August.

German Prune.—Large, dark purple, good. September.

Grand Duke .- Color of Bradshaw, fruit very large, of fine quality, free from rot, very productive. Tree a moderate grower. Last of Septem-

Lombard.—Medium, violet red, juicy, good. Hardy and productive. The leading market variety. August.

Monarch.—Tree robust, dense foliage, an abundant bearer. Fruit very large, roundish oval, dark purplish blue, perfect freestone. Follows Grand Duke in ripening. October.

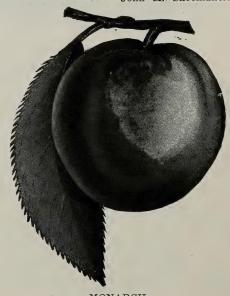
Shipper's Pride.—Quite large and showy, frequently 2 inches in diameter, oval, dark purple, of Damson type. The flesh is sweet and firm, keeping and shipping very long distances well. September.

Shropshire Damson.—This largest of the Damson class is much used for preserving. The trees are vigorous and enormously productive. One of the old favorites.

October.
First Class, ¾ and up, 2 yr., 25 cts. each; \$2.00 per 12; \$15.00 per 100.
Select Medium, % to ¾, 20 cts. each; \$1.50 per 12; \$12.00 per 100.

Pasco, Wash., Sept. 1, 1909.
The fruit trees received from you last spring every one lived and have made a very fingrowth this season. Kindly send me your nursery catalog giving prices for fall deliv-

John M. Shoemaker.



MONARCH.

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# CHERRIES



#### EARLY RICHMOND.

All budded on whole roots of imported French Mahaleb stock. They will not sprout. The cherry is so easily grown that it will produce good crops even with entire neglect on any situation except a low, damp soil. on any situation except a low, damp soil. They usually commence bearing the third year after planting. No home orchard is complete without its proportion of cherry trees, and it is one of the most profitable fruits. Better have too many than not enough, as the surplus finds ready sale at a good profit.

First Class, % and up, 40 cts. each; \$4.50 per 12; \$28.00 per 100.

Select Medium, 35 cts. each; \$4.00 per 12; \$22.00 per 100.

Light Medium, 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per 12; \$15.00 per 100.

Early Richmond .- Medium, dark red, melting, juicy, sprightly, rich acid; best.

**Dyehouse.**—A very early and sure bearer. Ripens a week before Early Richmond. June.

Allen.—Of excellent quality and large size. Nearly heart shaped. Shining and smooth. Color when ripe, nearly black. Very meaty and firm. So far, free from all rot and disease. A strong, vigorous growing productive variety. Ripens late in July.

Black Eagle.—Large, tender, juicy, rich. July.

Black Tartarian.—Very large, black, j rich, excellent, productive. Last of June. juicy.

Gov. Wood .- Large, light red, juicy, rich, de-Tree healthy and productive. June.

Napoleon.—Large, pale yellow or red. Firm, juicy, sweet and productive. July.

Cook's Imperial .- Very large, color red, tree vigorous and productive. First of July.

Winsor.—Fruit large, liver colored, flesh remarkably firm and of fine quality. Tree hardy and prolific. A valuable late variety. July.

Baldwin.—Large, round, slightly subacid, sweetest and richest of the Morello type. A fine upright grower, remarkable for its earliness, hardiness and productiveness. June.

Large Mt. Morency.-Large, red, productive. Ten days later than Early Richmond. Last of

May Duke.-Large, red, juicy, rich. June. Wragg .- Very hardy, vigorous and productive, medium, dark purple, fine quality. Aug.

## GOOSEBERRIES



DOWNING.

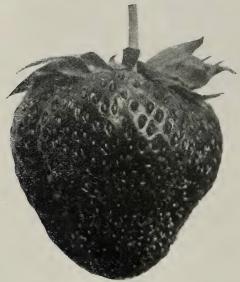
Downing.—Large, handsome, pale green, of splendid quality for both cooking and table use; bush a vigorous grower.

2 yr., No. 1, 15 cts. each; \$1.50 per 12; \$8.00 per 100. 1 yr., No. 1, 10 cts. each; \$1.00 per 12; \$6.00 per 100.

# The RATEKIN NURSERY CO

# **STRAWBERRIES**

Strawberries will succeed in any soil that is adapted to ordinary farm garden crops; soil should be thoroughly prepared to a good depth, well drained and enriched. In field culture set the rows from three to three and a half feet apart, 15 to 18 inches in rows; for garden 15 inches apart each way, leaving pathway 15 inches apart each way, leaving pathway every third row. To produce fine large fruit, heap in hills, pinching runners off as soon as they appear. Ground should always be kept clean and well cultivated. In winter, a cover-ing of leaves, straw, or some kind of litter, will protect the plants. Do not cover them until ground is frozen, or so deep as to smother the plants, and remove covering before growth starts in spring. Mulching will keep the fruit



BALDWIN'S PRIDE OF MICHIGAN

clean and the soil in good condition through the fruiting season. The blossoms of those marked with a (p) are destitute of stamens, and are termed pistillate, and unless a row of perfect flowering variety is planted at intervals not exceeding a rod, they will produce imperfect fruit, and but little of it, but when properly fertilized, as a rule, they are more prolific than those with perfect flowers. Our stock is pure, each kind kept by itself, cultivated entirely for the production of plants; they are carefully graded, handled and packed, and certainly give the best of satisfaction. and certainly give the best of satisfaction.

Aroma.—This is our best and most profitable late strawberry. It cannot be beaten for quantity of fruit produced, or in quality of fruit. Plants show no weakness of any kind. Fruit very large, roundish conical rarely mishapen, glossy red, of excellent quality, and produced in abundance. Same season as Gandy.

Beder Wood.—This variety was originated by Beder Wood of Illinois. We have fruited it for many years, and found it to be a very heavy bearer, of good size, roundish fruit. Does well on nearly all soils. Season early, a good stamina to fertilize early varieties like Crescent, Warfield, etc. The plant is a good scaling a conduction removed to the process. healthy grower, and sends out a number of large runners. Beder Wood is very deep rooted and will stand drouth better than most varieties.

Bubach (P).—By far more plants of this variety are used than any other sort. Its large

and uniform size, fine form and color, unsurpassed productiveness, and great vigor, combine to make it the leading market sort. The plant is very large and fine looking, but a slow plant maker.

Barton's Eclipse (P) .- A good standard sort, but has been overlooked by some; one of the best for field crops, a splendid grower and a heavy yielder, of large size, good color, and highly flavored. Early to mid-season.

Baldwin's Pride of Michigan.—We have not as yet fruited this variety. We bought our stock of plants last spring of the introducer. Below is his description:

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We call this variety **Baldwin's** Pride of Michigan as there was a Pride of Michigan introduced by the Kellogg Company about the same time, that we knew nothing about when we named our berry.

We place this variety first on our list because this is where it should be. It's the best thing we have. **Baldwin's Pride of Michigan is, without doubt, the best and most profitable variety of strawberry ever introduced in the United States.** variety of strawberry ever introduced in the United States.

This grand variety was introduced by us two

This grand variety was introduced by us two years ago. This summer we again found our Pride of Michigan to be our most profitable strawberry. It cannot be beaten, at least, is not beaten by any variety that we have seen, and we have fruited over one hundred kinds. We firmly believe that when fruit growers throughout the country try this berry they will want a quantity of them. It is certainly a

beauty from every standpoint.
Plant is perfect and berry is perfect. are the qualities that make it a most valuable

Productiveness-Will outvield

strawberry.
Color—Dark glossy red (all through).
Season of Ripening—Second early (ripens with

Senator Dunlap.)
Size—About like Haverland and Glen Mary.

Shipping Quality—The best. Very to skin, and a firm berry.

Shape—Rather oblong. Resembles, Haland, never misshapen. (See picture.)

Blossom—Perfect. (A strong fertilizer.)

Resembles, Haver-

Plant-Very vigorous and healthy. (A good plant maker.)

Fruit Stems—Are strong, stand up well and there are plenty of them. What more could one ask for in the way of

qualifications of a perfect strawberry?

Last year many of you were disappointed in not being able to get our Pride of Michigan. We were sold out early and could have sold nearly two hundred thousand more if we had had the plants.

Clyde.—A strong growing, perfect blooming, healthy plant, with light green foliage. Everywhere tested, it proved to be exceedingly productive, of large, globular, perfectly formed, always inclined to overbear. Some plants have more fruit stalks than leaf stalks. A light application of nitrate of soda, in early spring before fruiting will stimulate greater foliage growth, and so help the fruiting of this

remarkable variety.

Crescent (P).—A standard of productiveness all over the country; succeeds every where. Stands neglect best of any; plant small, berries fair size, bright and attractive. Not very firm. Many growers consider this the most profitable berry for market.

Glen Mary.—Berries large to very large, often designed bright door red or surface. Light red

flattened, bright deep red on surface; light red to center. Sweet, rich, good flavor. Season, medium to late. One of the most productive and holds its size well to the end of the season. Plants very vigorous, and one of the best for home use and nearby market.

# SHENANDOAH, IOWA

Haverland (P).—A fine grower, very productive; one of the best of the leading early market sorts. Berries uniform, long, medium size, and good quality.

Michel's Early.—Plant a strong grower. Berries medium size, roundish, bright crimson, fair quality. One of the first berries to ripen. Is a strong plant maker and does well on light soil.

Pocomoke.—The berry is round, conical, and resembles the old Wilson, but is much larger, and one of the best varieties in existence, not only for its enormous productiveness, but on account of its beauty. Adapted to all soils. Its large, deep red color, firmness and high flavor make it one of the most profitable shippers.

Senator Dunlap.—A well tested, wonderfully productive variety, one of the safe sorts to plant everywhere and sure to take a high place among the prominent standard sorts, plant resembles Warfield, rampant runner, should be restricted in its production of plants; fully equal to Crescent and Warfield in its ability to succeed under all circumstances. Fruit good size, regular form, beautiful bright red, glossy, firm, splendid keeper and shipper, excellent quality, one of the best for canning. Ripens early, and continues a long time. It promises to stand at the head in its wonderful ability to ripen a good crop under almost any condition of drouth or neglect.

Sample (P).—One of the very best berries, and it seems to succeed nearly everywhere. Plants strong, large and healthy, producing in profusion large, dark colored berries, of uniform size and color. Firm enough to ship well, one of the best standard sorts for home use and market. Season, late.

Tennessee Prolific.—One of the good medium early varieties. Large size and productive. It is a very vigorous healthy plant, with never a spot of rust. It has a strong staminate blossom, and is especially valuable as a pollenizer.

Uncle Jim.—Plants are large and free from rust, berry is large, regular form, and season is very late.

Warfield (P).—Its greaty beauty, firmness and earliness, good flavor, productiveness, and vigor, makes it especially popular. Ripens with Senator Dunlap, which makes a good fertilizer to plant with it, as the shape and color of the berries are the same, and look a great deal alike when picked together.

Wm. Belt.—A large, handsome, productive berry for market or home use. Vigorous, thrifty, heavy plants, producing large crops under good common matted row culture. Berries extra large, conical, quite uniform in shape, bright crimson red, ripens all over without green tips, good quality, carries well to market, and brings highest price. One of the best late varieties. Making it one of the best perfect flowering varieties to fertilize late pistillate varieties, such as Sample and Bubach.

Myer's Seedling.—Originated on B. I. Myer's farm, on the banks of Lake Michigan, about four miles north of Stevensville. I bought my stock from the originator last spring. The plant is a splendid grower. I have not fruited it on my farm but have seen it in fruit on Myer's farm. He has grown it for several seasons, shipping the berries to the Chicago market, where they sold in advance prices over all other varieties. It is a large size, firm, bright red and very productive. It is a good shipper and medium early. The plants have made as strong a growth on my farm this season as any variety I have. If it continues to do as well as it has it will be a leading market variety.

|                      | per 12  | per 100 | per 1000 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Myer's Seedling      | .\$0.40 | \$1.50  | \$10.00  |
| Pride of Michigan    | 40      | 1.00    | 8.00     |
| Lovetts              | ?5      | .60     | 4.50     |
| Aroma                | 25      | .60     | 5.00     |
| Beder Wood           | 25      | .60     | 5.00     |
| Bubach (P)           | 25      | .60     | 5.00     |
| Barton's Eclipse (P) |         | .60     | 5.00     |
| Clyde                |         | .60     | 5.00     |
| Crescent (P)         |         | .50     | 4.50     |
| Glen Mary            |         |         | 5.00     |
| Haverland (P)        |         | .60     | 5.00     |
| Michel's Early       | 25      | .60     | 4.80     |
| Pocomoke             | 25      | .60     | 4.80     |
| Senator Dunlap       | 25      | .60     | 5.00     |
| Sample (P) '         | 25      | .60     | 4.75     |
| Tennessee Prolific   | 25      | .50     | 4.60     |
| Uncle Jim            | 25      | .60     | 5.00     |
| Warfield (P)         | 25      | .50     | 4.50     |
| Wm. Belt             | 25      | .60     | 5.00     |

Six of variety at dozen, twenty-five at hundred, and two hundred fifty at thousand rates. At dozen rates we pay postage, at 100 rates, to go by mail, add 25 cents to each 100. At 100 and 1000 rates to go by express or freight. charges to be paid by the purchaser. If you want a large number of strawberry plants write us for special prices.





# The RATEKIN NURSERY CO

# GRAPES

HERE is scarcely a yard so small in the country or city that room for from one to a dozen grape vines cannot be found. They do admirably, trained up the side of any building, or along the garden fences, occupying but little room and furnishing an abundance of the healthiest of fruit. Make the soil mellow, and plant the vines somewhat deeper than they stood in the nursery. Plant about eight feet apart by the fence or building.

As a commercial crop there is nothing more satisfactory. They are as reliable as a corn crop, and as staple on the market as wheat. When a vineyard is once established it will be productive for a lifetime with ordinary care. and the income therefrom can be counted on almost as certainly as the changing of the season.

Grapes do well on either gravelly, sandy or clayey soils, or on a combination of these. If planted on clay soil, it must be thoroughly underdrained to secure good results. Any good, dry soil of sufficient fertility to produce good farm crops is suitable for vine and planting, if climate and exposure are favorable.

The only necessary preparation of the soil is to thoroughly plowand pulverize it to a depth of 12 to 18 inches. If in sod it should be summer-fallowed in August or September preceding planting, and again plowed at the time of planting. At this last plowing many of our best vineyardists plow

> planted, and plant the vines in the dead furrows. Thick saves a large amount of labor in digging the holes.

If the soil is naturally poor it should be given a liberal application of thoroughly rotted stable manure, which should be plowed in at the last plowing. If this cannot be had, lise raw bone meal, about 600 pounds per acre, with about 300 pounds muriate of pot-

the ground into lands equal in width to the distance apart the rows are to be

not desirable to put manure or fertilizers of any kind in the hole when planting. The roots will quickly find their necessary food if it is in the soil.

ash, or two tons of good, unleached hard wood ashes. It is

Concord.-The well known standard variety. Succeeds wherever grapes will grow. Most popular variety ever grown.

Campbell's Early .- Medium grower. Large healthy foliage. Productive. Its keeping and shipping qualities are equalled by no other early grape. Ripens with Moore's Early. Bunch and berry large, glossy. black with blue bloom; sweet and juicy. Seeds few and small. Part readily from the plup. Stands at the head of early grapes

Champion,-(Talman.)-Very early. berry good size, thick skin, productive. Poor quality, Profitable owing to their earliness.

Delaware,-Eunches small, compact, shouldered. Berries rather small, round, skin thin, light red. Sweet, spicy and delicious. Vine moderately vigorous, hardy and productive

Diamond.—The leading early white grape, ripening before Moore's Early, white with rich yellow tinge, juicy, few seeds. Almost free from plup, excellent quality, above medium size, adheres firmly to stem. Vine like Concord in growth, hardiness and foliage. Fine variety for both market and home garden.

Moore's Early,-A black grape, with a heavy blue bloom, bunch large, berry round. Quality better than the Concord, vine exceedingly hardy, and has been exposed to imperature of twenty degrees below zero without injury. It has been entirely exempt from mildew or disease. Its earliness, good quality, and fine appearance make it a profitable market variety.

Niagara .- A white varlety; bunch and berry very large, greenish white, changing to pale yellow when fully ripe. Skin thin, but tough. Quality very much like Concord. See illustration on cover.

Worden .- An improved Concord, being larger in both bunch and berry, handsomer, nearly two weeks earlier, and of better quality, fine, vigorous, hardy and

Wyoming Red .- Vine very hardy, healthy and robust, with thick, leathery follage; color of berry similar to Delaware, but brighter; being one of the most beautiful of the amber or red grapes, and in size nearly double that of Delaware. Flesh tender, sweet, with a strong native aroma. Ripens before Delaware, the best early red market variety.



#### MOORE'S EARLY.

| I                                | Each  | Pet 12 | Per 100 |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|
| Campbell's Early, 2 yr., No. 1\$ | 0.15  | \$1.25 | \$10.00 |
| Campbell's Early, 1 yr., No. 1   | .10   | 1.00   | 9.00    |
| Champion, 2 yr., No. 1           |       | 1.00   | 6,00    |
| Champion, 1 yr., No. 1           |       | 7.0    | 4.00    |
| Concord, 2 yr., No. 1            | .10   | 1.00   | 4,00    |
| Concord, 1 yr., No. 1            | .08   | 75     | 3.50    |
| Delaware, 2 yr., No. 1           | .10   | 1.00   | 6,00    |
| Delaware, 1 yr., No. 1           | .08   | .75    | 4.60    |
| Diamond, 2 yr., No. 1            | .10   | 1.00   | 6,00    |
| Diamond, 1 yr., No. 1            | .08   | .75    | 4,50    |
| Moore's Early, 2 yr., No. 1      | .10   | 1,00   | 6,00    |
| Moore's Early, 1 yr., No. 1.     | 0.8   | .75    | 1.50    |
| Niagara, 2 yr., No. 1            | .10   | 1.00   | 6,00    |
| Niagara, 2 yr., No. 1            | .08   | .75    | 4.50    |
| Niagara, 1 yr., No. 1            | .10   | 1.00   | 6.00    |
| Worden, 2 yr., No. 1.,           | .08   | .75    | 4.50    |
| Worden, 1 yr., No. 1             |       | 1.00   | 6.00    |
| Wyoming Red, 2 yr., No. 1.       | .08   | .75    | 4.00    |
| Wyoming Red. 1 yr., No. 1        | *1150 | . 10   | 4       |

Each and 12 sent by mail or express, prepaid.

We have a larger amount of grape vines than usual. They have made an extra strong growth, and are graded up to the standard. The prices are made very low. On fall orders, to be shipped this fall, we will allow 25 cents per 100 or \$1.00 per 1,000 less than the above prices.

CONCORD.

# The RATEKIN NURSERY CO.

# **CURRANTS**

Hardy, easily cultivated, standing neglect well, and liberally responding to cultiva tion and generous treatment; indispensable for jellies, table use, etc. No garden is tion and generous treatment; indispensable for jellies, table use, etc. No garden is complete without them, and large quantities are required for market. Set four feet apart in rich ground, cultivate well, or mulch heavily; prune out old wood so that each remaining shoot will have room to grow. If the current worm appears, dust

-Berries sometimes onehalf inch in diameter, bunches short, vigorous and productive, when grown on good soil and well cultivated.

Fay's Prolific.--The leading market variety. Extra large stems and berries. Uniform size, easily picked, exceedingly productive; no variety ever made as quick a jump in popular favor, the demand being, in most seasons, in excess of the supply.

Victoria.—Large, light red, bunches extremely long. Berries medium size of excellent quality. Berries Ripens late.

Red Dutch .- An old well known Good quality, berry medium, long bunch, very productive.

White Grape.-Very large, lowish white; sweet, or very mild acid. Excellent quality and valuable for table. Very productive.

Lee's Prolific.—This is a lack current: extra quality, black currant; extra quastrong grower. Productive.

Wilder.—One of the strongest growers, and most productive. Bunch and berries very large; attractive red color, even when dead ripe. Hangs on the bushes in fine condition for hand-ling, as late as any known va-riety. Compared with the celewhen dead ripe.

brated Fay's, it is equal in size, with longer bunches; better in quality, with much less acidity. Ripens at same time, continues on bush much longer, fully as prolific, in some trials, largely out-yielding it.

Market .-- For years this variety has been fruit-ing in Michigan where it is now ing in Michigan where it is now planted extensively and regarded as the best market variety of that great fruit state. Plant is extremely vigorous, with perfect foliage which it retains through the season, an enormous cropper. Ripens with Victoria, is larger in both bunch and berry, a better bearer. For any use—home gar-den or market—one of the best.

North Star .- The grower among the red varieties; should be given plenty of room and ground kept well enriched; bunches average 4 inches in length and are freely produced. Combines extreme hardiness, vigorous growth, extra quality and great productiveness.

#### Price of Currants.

2 yr. No. 1, 15 cts. each; \$1.50 per 12; \$4.00 per 100.

1 yr., No. 1, 10 cts. per 12; \$3.00 per 100. 1, 10 cts. each; \$1.00

Pocatello, Idaho, Sept. 10, '09. I am pleased to report that all the nursery stock, including fruit trees and shrubbery I ordered from you last spring has done well. Did not lose a tree or shrub. Please send me your fall catalog and oblige.

Henry Fielder.



# **ASPARAGUS**

No garden is too small to have a bed of this earliest and finest of spring vegetables. Pre-pare ground by trenching to depth of two feet, mixing each layer of soil as turned over with two or three inches of well rotted manure. This is one of the most profitable crops to grow, and one that is easily handled. A field well planted will last a lifetime. Plant rows from three to four feet apart, 12 to 15 inches apart in a row. Do not cut for use until the plants have grown two seasons.

Palmetto.-This is a new sort, which is beraimetro.—This is a new sort, which is becoming quite popular. It produces shoots of the very largest size. It is very early, which makes it very valuable for market or home use. Conover's Colossal.—A standard variety of large size, tender and of excellent quality.

2 years, 30 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100; \$6.00 per 1000.

1 year, 25 cents per 12; 75 cents per 100; \$5.00 per 1000.

Send for special prices in large lots of several thousand.

# RHUBARB

A deep, rich soil is indispensible to secure large, heavy stalks. Plant in rows four feet apart, with the plant three feet distant. Set so that the crowns are an inch below the sur-Top-dress annually in the fall with stable manure and fork under in the spring.

Queen.—Strong, vigorous grower, producing extra large stalks of finest quality, of a de-

cided pink color. For canning or cooking in any way, its quality is unsurpassed.

Myatt's Linnaeus .- Popular, and the best for general use. Early, very large, productive, ten-der, and delicately flavored. Requires less su-gar than other sorts.

gar than other sorts.

Price, each, 10 cents; dozen, 75 cents; one hundred, \$4.00.

## DRSERADISH

Fine, large, thick roots may be grown in a single season. A valuable garden plant, easy to grow and

used on meats is splendid appetizer. The tops are used in early spring for greens. Per doz., 25c; per 100, \$2.00, by mail.

# BLACKBERRIES



RATHBUN.

Rathbun. — Vigorous, branching, making plenty of fruitwood. Has stood safely 30 degrees below zero and bore a full crop the next summer. Roots sucker very little and must be propagated by layering the tips of the shoots. Berries are very large, intensely black with a high polish. Are very firm so they carry well to market and retain their form and handsome appearance. Good for table use, canning or cooking. Is in all points fully as good or better than the old Wilson and much hardier.

Snyder.—Extremely hardy, enormously productive, medium size; no hard, sour core; only a few thorns and they are short; most prolific blackberry grown.

e's Hardy.—Vigorous grower; berry black and good flavor; a little later Stone's Hardy.-Vigorous glossy than Snyder.

Early Harvest.—This is one of the earliest blackberries in cultivation; a compact, dwarf grower.

Eldorado.-The vines are vigorous and hardy, enduring the winters of the far Northwest without injury, and their yield is enormous. Berries large, jet black, borne in large clusters, and ripen well together. They are very sweet, melting and pleasing to the taste, have no hard core, and a good keeper after picking,

with quality unimpaired.
Each, 10c; 50 cents per 12; \$2.00 per 100.
Wilson.—A magnificent, large, very early, beautiful berry of sweet excellent flavor. Ripens evenly, holds its color well, and brings highest market price. Strong grower, exceeding the color well, and brings highest market price. ingly productive.

Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100; \$1.00 per 1,000 //Ocol Each and dozen by mail postpaid. Hundred

and thousand by freight or express not prepaid.

Should be planted in rows six to seven feet apart, three to five feet in the rows. Keep the ground light and rich. Pinch the canes back when they have reached the height of from two to three feet.

# DEWBERRIES

Lucretia.—One of the low growing trailing blackberries. In size and quality it equals any of the tall growing sorts. Perfectly hardy, healthy and remarkably productive. The fruit healthy and remarkably productive. The fruit which ripens early, is often one and one-half inches long, by one inch in diameter. Soft, sweet and luscious throughout, with no hard Ripens before late raspberries are gone. Should be mulched to keep berries from ground. We can highly recommend this variety. Plants are grown from tips the same as black rasp-berries, plants set in rows 6 feet apart, 3 to 4 feet in row. In spring, cut back wood from 12 to 16 inches.

Austin's Improved (Mayes) .- An early dewberry of excellent quality and large yield. Berries large, short and thick; canes vigorous, hardy, and productive. Ripens fully a week earlier than Lucretia, and for this reason is valuable to grow in connection with that varie-

Premo.—This remarkable new dewherry is a sport from the grand old Lucretia. The great profitableness of the Lucretia with many growers has been because it was the earliest of the blackberry family to ripen. Now we have Premo, still earlier and larger; that means extra money in the market and an earlier taste of the delicious dewberries for the family. Premo has imperfect flowers, and so in planting, every third or fourth row should be of Lucretia; or better yet, where one is equally fond of both varieties, they can be planted in alternate rows. Remember that Premo is a delicious, great blackberry that begins to ripen when the raspberry season is half over.

Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.25 per 100; \$10.00 per 1,000. money in the market and an earlier taste of the

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# RASPBERRIES

Raspberries do well on any soil that will produce a good corn crop. Land should be thoroughly prepared and well enriched. Keep well cultivated and free from weeds and suckers. As soon as they have done bearing, cut out the old wood, to give more vigor to the young canes. Plant in rows 6 to 8 feet apart, and 3½ to 4 feet in rows for field culture.



## BLACK RASPBERRIES

Cumberland .- The largest of all Black-caps. A healthy, vigorous grower, throwing up stout, stocky, well-branched canes that produce immense crops of magnificent berries. Fruit large, firm, quality about the same as Gregg, keeps and ships as well as any of the blacks. The most profitable market variety. On our farm this season they had as good a crop of fruit as ever. They were not hurt by the October freeze or winter, while the other varieties were hadly damaged. were badly damaged.

Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100; **1000.** 

Gregg.—For many years the leading standard, best known market sort. Very productive, large size, firm, meaty berries, covered with heavy bloom.

Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100;

\$7.00 per 1000.

Kansas.—Strong, vigorous grower, standing extreme of drought and cold and bearing immense crops. Early ripening, just after Palmer. Berries nearly the size of Gregg, of better color, jet black and almost free from bloom, firm, of best quality, present a handsome appearance, and bring highest price in market. Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100;

\$7.00 per 1000. Eureka (Cap)-A fine blackcap in every particular. It is first early, very large and productive. Very profitable for market.
Each 10 cents, 50 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100.

You will be surprised at the cash results from a comparatively small patch of raspberries when they are given reasonably good care. An acre will usually turn more cash into the farmer's pocket than any other acre on the farm.

### RED RASPBERRIES

King .-- Pronounced the best early red raspberry by many of the leading horticulturists. Plant a strong grower, very hardy and productive. Berry is firm. The best shipper. In size as large as Cuthbert. Beautiful bright scarlet color.

Season a few days later than Thompson. We have fruited them for several seasons, and find them the best red raspberries on our farms, and the most profitable for market.

Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.50 per 100; \$12.00 per 1000. Each.

Loudon .- Where it succeeds well, one of the best bright red mid-season varieties. Hardy, good size and quality, productive and good shipper.

Each, 10 cents; cents per 12; \$1.00 100; \$8.00 per 1000. per

Miller .- Early, hardy, and does not win-ter kill. The very best early variety. Shipping early variety. Shipping qualities are perfect. Makes a healthy growth of cane. Very productive and of good size Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100; \$6.00 per 1,000.

Thompson's Early Proest red raspberry we have in fruiting. They are of good size, bright red, productive, good quality, and one of the best shippers. Profitable on account of their earliness.

Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100; \$6.00 per 1000.

Each and dozen by mail prepaid. Hundred and thousand by freight or express not prepaid.



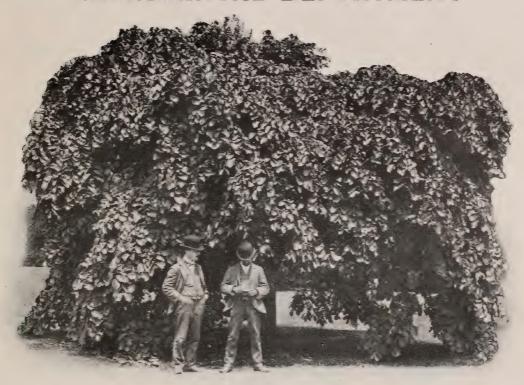
KING.

Cuthbert, or Queen of the Market.—A remarkably strong, hardy variety. Stands the northern winters and southern summers equal to any. Berries very large, conical, rich crimson, very handsome, and so firm they can be shipped hundreds of miles by rail in good condition. Flavor is rich, sweet and luscious. The leading market variety for main crop.

Each, 10 cents; 50 cents per 12; \$1.00 per 100; \$6.00 per 1000.

# SHENANDOAH, IOWA

# ORNAMENTAL DEPARTMENT



CAMPERDOWN ELM.

### NUT TREES

American Sweet Chestnut .- This is a valuable native tree, both useful and ornamental. Tim-ber is very durable, and possesses a fine grain

ber is very durable, and possesses a fine grain for oil finish. Nut sweet, of delicious flavor, and are a valuable article of commerce. Each, 6 to 8 feet, trees, 50 cents; dozen, \$5.00; 3 to 4 feet, trees, 30 cents; dozen, \$5.00; Filberts.—Of easy culture. Growing 6 to 8 feet. Entirely hardy, and one of the most profitable and satisfactory nuts to grow. Succeeds on almost all soils, bearing early and abundantly. Nuts nearly round. Rich and excellent flavor. Admirable for dessert. cellent flavor. Admirable for dessert.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, 40 cents; dozen, \$4.00.

Butternuts.—A fine native tree, producing a large, longish nut, which is prized for its sweet oily, nutritious kernel.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, trees, 50 cents; dozen, \$5.00; to 4 feet, 30 cents; dozen, \$3.00.

Walnut, Black.—A native tree of large size and majestic form. Beautiful foliage, and most and majestic form. Beautiful foliage, and most valuable of all trees for its timber, which enters largely into manufacture of fine furniture and cabinet ware, and brings the highest price in market. Tree a rapid grower, producing a large round nut of excellent quality.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, trees, 50 cents; dozen, \$5.00; 3 to 4 feet, 30 cents; dozen, \$3.00.

Walnut, Japan Sieboldi.—Perfectly hardy, rapid grower, handsome form, immense leaves: bears young and abundantly; one of the finest ornamental trees. Nuts produced in clusters:

bears young and abundantly; one of the finest ornamental trees. Nuts produced in clusters; resembles butter-nut in shape and quality; smaller, with smooth and thinner shell. Worthy of extensive planting.

Each, 4 to 6 feet, 50 cents; dozen, \$5.00.

### ORNAMENTAL TREES

Ash, White.—A rapid growing native tree, of fine symmetrical outline. A valuable street or park tree; should be extensively planted for timber.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, \$1.00.

Alder.—Imperial cut-leaf; one of the finest cut leaf trees; hardy and vigorous grower; graceful habit; fine for lawn decorations.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, \$1.50.

Beech.—Purple leaved; makes an elegant medium sized tree for the lawn. The foliage in the spring is a deep purple, later changing to The foliage in

the spring is a deep purple, later changing to crimson, and in autumn a dull purplish green. Each, 3 to 4 feet, \$1.50.

Birch, Cut-Leaf, Weeping.—One of the most elegant of all weeping or penduous trees. Its tall, slender, yet vigorous growth, graceful drooping habit, silvery white bark, and delicately cut foliage, presents a combination of attractive characteristics rarely met with in

a single tree. Each, 3 to 4 feet, \$1.00.

Birch, Sto 4 feet. \$1.00.

Birch, European White.—Similar to the American or Canoe Birch, with slender branches and silvery bark. After a few years' growth, assumes a graceful, weeping habit, adding greatly to its beauty.

Each, 8 to 10 feet, \$1.00; 4 to 6 feet, 50 cents.

Catalpa .- One of the most rapid growers; valuable for timber, fence posts, railroad ties, etc. Possessing wonderful durability; large, heart shaped downy leaves and compound panicles of white flowers, tinged with violet and dotted with purple and yellow. Very ornamental and

Each, 6 to 8 ft., 40 cents; 10 to 12 ft., 75 cents.

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Cornus Florida (White Flowering Dogwood).
-Flowers white, three to three and a half -Flowers white, three to three and a half Inches in diameter, produced in spring before the leaves appear. Very abundant, showy, and durable; foliage, grayish green, glossy and handsome. in autumn turning to deep red, making the tree one of the most beautiful at that season. Spreading, regular form, growing twenty to twenty-five feet high.

Each, 2 to 3 feet, 50 cents; 4 to 6 feet, 75 cents.

Flowering Crab, Bechtel's.—Makes a medium sized tree, perfectly hardy, succeeds well in all soils not extremely wet. • When in bloom appears to be covered with delicate pink, perfect double small roses, of delicious fragrance, the only sweet-scented double crab.

Each, 3 to 4 feet, 75 cents; 4 to 5 feet \$1.00.

Elm, American.-A noble native tree of large size; wide spreading head and graceful drooping branches; one of the grandest park and street trees.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, 75 cents; 10 to 12 feet, \$1.00.

Horse Chestnut (White Flowering.)
—The well known European species; very handsome, has magnificent spikes of flowers. As a lawn tree or for the street it has no superior.

Each, 6 to 8 feet,

Judas Tree (Red Bud).-A small growing tree of irregular form, with heart shaped leaves. It is covered with delicate pink blossoms early in the spring before the leaves appear; a fine ornamental tree worthy of general planting.
Each, 4 to 6 feet,

Linden (Europe-an).—A fine pyra-midal tree with large leaves and fragrant flowers, largely used for street and ornamenplanting, developing into beautiful specimens.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, 75 cents.

Mountain Ash (European).—A fine hardy tree, head and regular, dense covered from July till winter with large clusters of red

Each, 6 to 8 feet, 50 cents.

Maple, Rock or Sugar.—A hardy rapid growing, native tree, of large size, valuable for producing a quick shade. Excellent for street planting.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, 75 cents; 10 to 12 feet, \$1.50

Poplar, Carolina .-- A vigorous, healthy native tree of rapid growth, pyramidal in form, with large glossy leaves; valuable for park or street planting. Makes a fine spreading head if well cut back the first season. Succeeds everywhere. Each, 6 to 8 feet, 25 cents; 10 to 12 feet.

Sycamore (European).—A lofty wide tree; heart shaped leaves; valuable for its handsome foliage and free growth; not as subject to disease as our native species. Makes a fine street tree.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, 75 cents; 8 to 10 feet, \$1.00.

Tulip Tree (Whitewood).—One of the grandest of our native trees. Of tall pyramidal habit, with broad glossy fiddle-shaped leaves, and beautiful tulip like flowers.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, \$1.00.

## WEEPING TREES

Willow (Golden).—A showy variety, with golden bark, of high color, making it very conspicuous during the winter; a handsome tree at all seasons.

Each, 6 to 8 feet, 50 cents.

Willow (Weeping).—A showy variety, most graceful tree of large size. Its fresh bright green tint and long waving branches make it

very attractive. Each, 6 to 8 feet,

50 cents.

Elm, Camperdown. Its vigorous, irregular branches, which have a uniform weeping habit, overlap so regularly that a compact roof-like head is formed. Leaves are large, are large, dark green. glossy,
A strong, vigorous
The finest grower. Weeping Elm and one of the weeping trees. the

Mulberry, Teas.—
The most graceful and hardy weeping tree in existence. Forms a perfect umbrella shaped head, with long, slender, willowy branches drooping to the ground. All who have seen it agree that in light, airy gracefulness, delicacy of form and motion it is without a rival. It has beautiful foliage, is hardy enduring the cold of the north and the heat of the south. Safe and easy to transplant, admirably adapted for ornamenting small or large grounds, or for cemetery planting.

Each, \$1.50; 2 year, \$2.00.



TULIP TREE OR WHITEWOOD.

#### TREES RECOMMENDED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

For Streets.—American Elm, Sugar and Silver Maple, Carolina Poplar, Norway Maple.
For Driveways.—Norway Maple, Catalpa speciosa, American Linden, Horse Chestnut.
Single specimens for large growth.—Birches (particularly Cut-leaf Weeping), American Linden, Norway, Purple Norway, Sycamore and Cut-leaf Maples, Horse Chestnut, Austrian, White and Scotch Pines, Norway and Colorado Spruces.

Single specimens of medium growth.—Horse Chestnut, Ash, Flowering Thorn. Hemlocks. Chestnut, Ash, Flowering Thorn, Hemlocks, White Pines, etc.

# **EVERGREENS**

trees obtainable. We quote for strictly high grade single specimens.

Each, 3 feet, \$1.00, \$10.00 per 12. 4 feet, \$1.50, \$15.00 per 12. Ask for prices of seedlings in 100 and 1000

Spruce (Norway).—A lofty elegant tree of perfect pyramidal habit, remarkably elegant and rich; as it gets age has fine, graceful, pendulous branches; it is exceedingly picturesque and beautiful. Very popular, and deservedly so, and should be largely planted. One of the best evergreens for hedges.

One of the best evergreens for hedges.

Each, 12 to 15 inches, 15 cents; \$10.00 per 100. 1½ to 2 feet, 25 cents; \$20.00 per 100. \$10.00 per

### DESIDUOUS HEDGE PLANTS

California Privet.—A species of unusual beauthat has become the most popular of all hedge plants. For groups and specimens it is equally pretty, and its shining leaves give it value for porch and terrace described when were insteaded form decoration when grown in standard form. Can be sheared to any desirable shape. Per 100, \$6.00.

Osage Orange.—1 yr., per 1,000, \$3.50; year per 1,000, \$4.00.

Barberry .- The green leaved Barberry is rapid in growth, and soon produces wood enough with a little shearing to make a good hedge. The branches are covered with thorns, and for this reason it can be used both as a hedge and a barrier to cattle and other stock. After the leaves have fallen in the fall, its branches are covered with bright red berries.

Per 100, \$6.00.



#### HEMLOCK SPRUCE

Arbor Vitae (American) .- One of the finest evergreens for hedges. It grows rapidly and soon forms a most beautiful hedge. Very dense. Of course it is not adapted to turn stock, but it forms a most desirable and ornamental screen to divide the lawn from other parts of the grounds, or for any other purpose.

Each, 10 to 15 inches, 15 cents; \$1.50 per 12; \$10.00 per 100. 1½ to 2 feet, 25 cents; \$2.25 per 12; \$18.00 per 100.

Pyramidal Arbor Vitae.—A superb, new and hardy sort, of very compact habit, like the Irish Juniper. Is rare and beautiful, and is largely planted in cemeterles and places where spreading trees would be out of place. This is perhaps the most valuable Arbor Vitae in cultivation. Its extreme hardiness and adaptability to all soils make it a satisfactory tree for practical purposes where a tall formal tree is desired.

Each, 2 feet, 50 cents, \$5.00 per 12; 3 feet, \$1.00, \$10.00 per 12; 4 feet, \$1.50, 15.00 per 12.

Juniper (Virginian) (Red Cedar).—A well known American tree, with deep green foliage. Makes a fine ornamental hedge.

Each, 11/2 to 2 feet, 40 cents; small one year plants 3 to 4 inches high \$4.00 per hundred.

Juniper (Irish) .- Erect and formal in habit. age deep green and very compact, making a splendid column, sometimes 15 to 20 feet high; much used in cemeteries.

Each, 15 to 18 inches, 40 cents; 11/2 to 2 feet, 50

Hemlock Spruce .-- An evergreen of great value. Hardy and of quick growth. Easy to move and quick to recover after transplanting. Highly ornamental, good for hedges and screens. In fact are the best hedge



IRISH JUNIPER.

# The RATEKIN NURSERY CO.

# HARDY ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

Nothing adds more to the beauty of a place than to have the sides and background well filled with nicely arranged groups of shrubbery. Until seen, one cannot appreciate the effect that can be brought out by properly arranging and grouping the wonderful assortment of foliage ranging in color from the darkest green and purple to light orange and silver tan. Added to this, the great variety in blossoms unite to keep up a never-failing interest.

If you do not know how to arrange them, let us help you.

Shrubs and Vines that Flower in May.—Alonds, Honeysuckle, Japan Quince, Lilacs, Snowballs, Spirea, Syringa, Weigelia, Tree Paeony, Wistaria.

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# Ratekin's Hardy Ironclad Fruit Trees The 15 for \$1.65, Postpaid

There is a tremendous demand for Apples, Crabapples, Cherries and plums. Of these four varieties there are annually planted millions of trees throughout the U. S. The one year stock which we send by mail measures from 2 to 3½ ft. It is just the stock to plant by you, either for your garden or orchard, on account of its hardy, vigorous growth and of its doing so well and growing so rapidly, and usually bearing the second or third year after planting. Our northern grown stock is elegant, well-rooted, will grow rapidly and make fine established trees very quickly.

### Apples and Crabs.

1. Hyslop Crab-Fruit large, produced in clusters, deep crimson covered with blue bloom.

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2. Transcendent Crab—Hummensely productive. Fruit from 1½ to 2 inches in diameter; excellent for sauce and pies. Skin yellow, striped with red. Each 20c; 3 for 50c, postpaid.

3. Duchess of Oldenburg—Fruit large, yellow, streaked red, rich sub-acid flavor, juicy and good. The best known Russian sort, loved in all sections. Each, 20c; 3 for 50c. postpaid.

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Since 1896, when we obtained this apple it completely captured all hearts. The most remarkable fact about this Apple is that you do not have to wait until you are gray before it bears. Plants set out this year will give you fruit the second year: following you will have lots of

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The apples are very large in size, of excellent quality.

We consider it the greatest novelty ever offered in America.

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Third size (bear in two years) .75c " 3 " 2.00 5. Wealthy—Healthy, hardy and very productive. Fruit medium to late, skin smooth, Whitish yellow, shaded with deep red in the sun, splashed and spotted in the shade. Flesh white, fine, tender, juicy, lively sub-acid; very good. Price, 20c; 3 for 50c, postpaid.

6. Ben Davis—Large, handsome, striped, productive: a late keeper; highly esteemed as a market variety. Tree remarkably healthy and vigorous. Price, 20c; 3 for 50c, postpaid.

7. Northwestern Greening—Hardy, yellow, smooth, rich, of good quality, long keeper. Golden color. Each 25c; 3 for 60c, postpaid.

#### Plums.

8. Milton—Large, roundish oblong, dark red; skin thin, flesh firm good quality, the earliest plum in the world. Ripens in La Crosse three

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9. De Soto-Very hardy and productive; bears young, fruit medium size, yellow marbled with red, good quality. The best to plant near other varieties requiring fertilization. Each 25c; 3

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- 10. Early Richmond—Medium size, dark red, melting, juicy, sprightly acid flavor. The most valuable and popular of the acid cherries, is unsurpassed and exceedingly productive. Each 30c; 3 for 75c.
- 11. English Morello Cherry-Medium to large; blackish red, rich acid, juicy and good; very productive. Each 30c; 3 for 75c.

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Is extremely hardy, having flourished as far north as Siberia, during a temperature of forty degrees below zero. Each 30c; 3 for 75c.

#### 13. Peach, Hardy Shenandoah.

This is a seedling of the celebrated Elberta. The fruit is large and yellow, with blush cheeks, flesh firm, juicy, of highest quality; exceedingly prolific and extremely hardy. Each 25c; 3 for 6oc.

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